

## **COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**April 10, 2002**

**5:45 PM**

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Osborne, Garrity, Forest and Lopez

Messrs.: Tom Lolicata, Lt. M. Lussier, David Smith, Mark Cusson,  
Sean O'Kane

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Parade permit submitted by Alderman Lopez for the State American Legion Parade scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 2002 beginning at 1:30 PM and concluding at 2:30 PM. The parade route to begin at the Hartnett Parking Lot located at the intersection of Pine and Concord Streets, traveling westerly on Concord to Elm Street, then southerly on Elm Street to the reviewing stand at City Hall.

Alderman Osborne moved to approve. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Communication from Robin Comstock, President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, requesting staff parking (two spaces) and two all-day (visitor) 15-minute spaces in support of the multi-purpose facility housing the Visitor and Welcome Center located at Veterans Park.

Chairman Sysyn stated before we move on it I would like to call Mr. Smith and let him speak.

Mr. Smith stated thank you for the opportunity to speak today. In fact, we met with Robin Comstock from the Chamber last week regarding how we could work together with the Visitor's Center and we're very excited about having the Visitor's Center in such close proximity to our Downtown terminus. With respect to the proposals today to remove parking along the bus stop we're very concerned about losing so much space that we can't adequately use the space at Veterans Park. Currently, we have twice-an-hour two buses scheduled into that space. Occasionally, if one bus is running late or we need to make a vehicle trade there would be three in that space. There currently is 175 feet in that half block north of Pleasant Street where the bus stop currently is located. We're concerned about placement of 60 feet of parking area in that space would make it very difficult for us to accommodate, in fact, it would make it impossible to accommodate three buses and difficult to accommodate two. So, we would like to work both with the Chamber and with the City to ensure that we can all use that space effectively.

Chairman Sysyn called upon Tom Lolicata.

Mr. Lolicata stated I just found out tonight about this. I had done this on my own knowing there was going to be one there and I had made two spots for the tourists on Elm Street. In lieu of what Dave is alluding to and I didn't even know it was going to be a 15-minute stop, I could go back...there's enough space for one and give him the room that he needs...that can be done as far as the measurement is concerned. I think one car would be ample for the tourists. I understand now that it might even be going to eleven o'clock at night, so I have to make another ordinance 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM unless I'm wrong on that one.

Chairman Sysyn asked can we probably send it back to you to work with Robin and Mr. Smith on this?

Mr. Lolicata replied we've worked most of it out tonight after learning about this and I'll make measurements for the committee. We'll make it one car, 15 minutes and I'm thinking...if anybody knows any differently...I was just told today 8:00 AM till 11:00 PM because of Verizon, is that correct?

Alderman Forest stated I don't know if this would work because I was there earlier today looking at it. I know there's quite a length between Merrimack and Central Streets, but they're asking for how many four spaces is it or two spaces.

Chairman Sysyn replied two spaces...

Alderman Forest asked would it be possible to give them the one they need on Elm Street for visitors and give them that first parking space on Merrimack Street?

Mr. Lolicata replied that is what I was going to allude to, there's another section to this thing...they also want two spots for staffing and I hadn't done it, but I was going to say the only place you can do that would be on Merrimack Street to remove two meters. Now, I haven't done that yet because I don't know if this committee was going to allow for two staffing, where and how. So, I let that one go but it would be possible on the Merrimack Street side if you're going to allow it to occur and I'd have to have special signage for that; that means removal of two meters, special signage and is this going to be open year-round or seasonal or... there are a lot of things that I'm not even acquainted with right now, I'm learning today.

Chairman Sysyn acknowledged Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez stated thank you very much. I think maybe I can help you because I'm directly involved in this, I've been involved with it for the last year with the Arts Commission and everything. Your predecessor talked about this and thought it was a great thing and I respect your wishes to take a look at it one hundred percent. You made a statement that three buses...at what given time are there three buses at that location.

Mr. Smith replied there are not three buses scheduled to be there at one given time. If the schedules work perfectly there would be two buses there for a period of five minutes early in the hour and towards the end of the hour, however, within a few minutes of those windows there also are other buses scheduled in or out and so if one bus is running late it's possible there would be three at that location at one time, it's not that it would be scheduled to be that way, but it could end up with one bus. If only two spaces were provided it could end up with one bus being prevented from entering.

Alderman Lopez stated just to bring you up-to-date at one time the MTA was asked if they would take over that complete shelter, I don't know if you're aware of that and do these things. I'd only like to pass on to the committee that the entrance of Veterans Park...maybe there is an area there and it's not that far to walk, I think it's important that the public be able to park somewhere near other than side streets in order to get to the Visitor's Bureau that's all, thank you.

Alderman Forest stated I sort of agree with Alderman Lopez. Again, I was there tonight and if I remember right which was just a short time ago there are no meters whatsoever from Merrimack Street to Central Street.

Mr. Lolicata stated I believe there's a time zone there or possible meters from the crosswalk back to Central.

Alderman Forest stated I'm not sure what the length of a bus is. But, there's room for two buses just north of the light and if there's a third bus that comes in for a few minutes I can't see any problem with the bus waiting south of the light. So, I think there's plenty of room there to get those spots in there and still get three buses in there waiting.

Mr. Lolicata stated if this committee wants one spot for tourists or two spots I can give Dave a couple of extra feet, but it's I believe 35 feet for each bus [roughly] 35 or 40 feet.

Mr. Smith stated most of the buses are 30 feet long.

Alderman Forest asked what's the length of the block there...that's 500 feet anyway.

Mr. Lolicata stated but we stop right at the lights [Spring Street] so you only have half a block. The other half is a time zone and I believe there's meters there. All I'm saying is if you want one car we have no problem with the bus company. We have two...we're cutting 20 feet off and it will be tight which is the only way I can present that right now.

Alderman Lopez stated one other thing I forgot to mention. Whatever decision the committee makes would you put a time frame on it for the simple reason that they want to try to open up the Center next month.

Chairman Sysyn asked is there anybody here from the Chamber, I don't see Robin.

Mr. Lolicata asked is it a 15-minute zone also?

Alderman Lopez replied I think it is 15 minutes.

Mr. Lolicata stated she requested 15 minutes and the only other thing that came up tonight was the 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. You'll have volunteers that late at night.

Alderman Lopez replied that is correct.

Chairman Sysyn interjected that's because of the civic center.

Alderman Lopez stated with all of the traffic going by, they'll stop and pick up the brochures.

Mr. Lolicata stated this will be year round.

Alderman Lopez stated hopefully it will be year round but right now I think it's going to be on a May to at least November, it could be year round but you'll have to double check.

Mr. Lolicata stated that is the wording we need for the ordinance for the committee. I'm trying to get this all in advance right now so we can bring...

Alderman Lopez stated the intent is to have it year round.

Alderman Guinta asked are we talking four spaces right now or are we talking two spaces?

Mr. Lolicata replied two spaces or less for the tourists.

Alderman Guinta asked are we agreeing to the...she wants four spaces...two for the 15-minute and the two for staff. So, are you saying one and one.

Mr. Lolicata replied right now I'm saying two for Elm Street for tourists and the staffing I would have to suggest to you Merrimack Street and that would be a different issue for you to pick up. There's two more spots involved, you're correct, but I was going to tell the committee I would recommend if you're going to do it I'll have to have special signage, removal of two meters and right on the corner of Elm and Merrimack Street.

Chairman Sysyn asked, Tom, does the Board of Health use any of those spaces?

Mr. Lolicata replied they have spots in the Center of NH...you could also go south of the lights at Spring Street...there's two spots down there, we want to keep it on Elm, south of Pleasant and that can be done also. I'm thinking of the doctors and lawyers on Merrimack Street too, so probably Elm Street's your best bet.

Alderman Lopez stated another piece of information. I wish Robin was here, I don't know why she's not here...but, the volunteers that man the station is the biggest key so without having a parking space it's going to be very difficult. I wouldn't suggest the committee put it in the Center of NH where they have to walk or anything else, but it's something that Robin should be here and it needs to be worked out with the MTA and Traffic.

Chairman Sysyn stated that would be the best solution, I think, the two on Merrimack and the two on Elm.

Mr. Lolicata stated if you want I could put all four on Elm Street, the other two south of the lights and I would put bags over the meters and that would take care of that until such time. I'm trying the easiest possible way here to everybody. I think probably Elm Street would be your best bet.

Lt. Lussier asked may I make just one comment. I deal with parking issues every day and we listen to these people who are getting ticketed Downtown and part of our lecture to them is that we have two-hour parking Downtown because we want to encourage movement and my only hesitation would be that we're giving two people prime parking spots right there when if we could give them a pass to the federal lot just a block or the Center of NH or whatever, but this is something we're always scolding people for parking all day that we don't want businesses to be parking Downtown every single day; that those people are there all day shouldn't we encourage everybody to park in a garage and now we're saying we're going to give you two prime spots right outside your door, I guess I would be a little concerned.

Chairman Sysyn asked where would you put them then?

Lt. Lussier replied "where" could be the Pine Street Lot, the Center of NH or just a little further away from that area.

Mr. Lolicata stated if they didn't mind walking I'd make one or two suggestions: Canal or Victory Garages which I can set them up with. The Center of NH is very tight now as it is.

Chairman Sysyn asked how about Pine Street parking?

Mr. Lolicata stated the Pine Street Lot is filled, the federal lot is a leased lot and it's filled.

Lt. Lussier stated I believe the Health Department has some spots diagonally across from the Fire Department and I don't know, I think that might be a private lot. I don't know where they get those spots but even the Health Department employees come and go, they park out there and they're getting ticketed and our response to them is we need movement.

Chairman Sysyn asked can we put them in the Vine Street Parking Lot if there's room.

Mr. Lolicata replied that's leased and it's leased to the hilt...right now, that's a hundred percent filled.

Chairman Sysyn asked how about McQuade's Lot.

Mr. Lolicata stated that was my other suggestion, why not.

Chairman Sysyn stated we lease that to McQuade's.

Mr. Lolicata stated I think if someone talked to Mr. McQuade and explained the situation because that's never filled during the day that would be an ideal spot for two people.

Alderman Garrity stated maybe we should table it at this time and let all of the parties get together and try and work out a compromise. We don't have Robin here.

Chairman Sysyn asked how quick are they trying to get in there?

Alderman Lopez replied they're trying to open it up preferably before Memorial Day or the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

Alderman Garrity stated we could do a phone poll, right.

Mr. Lolicata stated you can still pass it if you wish in the May session because I can get an emergency ordinance from Highway and do it the next day.

Chairman Sysyn stated we can send it to them to work out and then do a phone poll.

Alderman Guinta asked can we try and get it done before the end of April, so we can get the phone poll done.

Mr. Lolicata stated anytime you wish.

Alderman Guinta stated I guess my question is is that enough time for everybody, I can be involved and Mike can be involved and you and Robin and Mr. McQuade.

Mr. Lolicata stated I guess my question is where would you like the measurements for the tourists, on Elm Street like we spoke?

Alderman Guinta replied I guess as close to the Center as possible would make sense.

Mr. Lolicata asked how many spots one or two?

Chairman Sysyn replied it would be two spots on Elm from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, year-round.

Alderman Forest asked could it be worded “when they’re open” like they do in some of the stores?

Mr. Lolicata stated they want to try and go year-round, if during the year if they think that during the winter time they’re not going to make it we can always change that part, so for now I’m making a regular ordinance...8:00 AM to 11:00 PM/year-round/15-minute parking.

Alderman Osborne asked where are these two staff members parking at the present time, are they new members.

Mr. Lolicata replied no one, it hasn’t even been opened yet.

Alderman Osborne stated they will be two new employees.

Mr. Lolicata stated they will be volunteers.

Lt. Lussier stated the gentleman who maintains that park, I’ve seen his vehicle parked behind it, so maybe if we’re going to fix that building up, maybe we have the ability to put two cars right behind it off-street because I have seen his car parked there.

Alderman Forest stated that would take a curb cut.

Lt. Lussier replied I really don’t know how he gets it there, it’s an SUV and it’s there.

Mr. Lolicata stated I’m taking for granted that this is seven days a week.

Alderman Garrity moved to table pending review by City, Chamber and MTA staff. Alderman Guinta duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.



Chairman Sysyn addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Communication from Stacey Goldstein, Intense Motorsports, requesting the closure of Willow Street at 25-minute intervals, as outlined herein, on Saturday, June 8, 2002 between the hours of Noon to 5:00 PM in conjunction with their Open House.

Alderman Garrity moved to approve the request for the closure of Willow Street as outlined. Alderman Guinta duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Forest stated I'm familiar with the area and what they're asking is I believe to close off Krakow but I think that Police and Fire should be notified on this for a permit. What about the liability to the City...there are houses there in the area.

Lt. Lussier stated I just became aware of this when I got the packet, I had never heard of this event. This morning Sgt. Kinney and I swung by and spoke with Mr. Cusson from Intense Motorsports. It is my understanding [and I don't want to put words in his mouth, but he can speak also] was that last year they had this event in their parking lot. They had some professional motorcycle people there giving talks, there were no demonstrations or anything. At the end of the day, some of the customers were leaving and the adrenaline was going and some of them must have peeled out and they had some issues. This year it's his hope to do it correctly and close down the street, have the professionals here who can put on a show whether it's popping wheelies or driving on your front tires and do something in the street. In that five-hour period I believe he's looking to close down the road maybe five different times, it's not going to be closed the entire time. So, he wants to put on a show for his customers. I spoke to him and we'll probably have police officers at the north and south ends and another in the middle to maintain control, help closing down the road and what have you. Later on in the day today, I had some discussions with the Chief...there were concerns about what the show is going to involve...whether people are going to be out there doing wheelies, burning rubber all over the street and really disrupting the neighborhood and I think maybe Mr. Cusson can address that a little better. I think this is a professional show he's looking to put on, he's looking actually to avoid some of the issues they had last year. But, again, he is here and he can tell us a little bit more about his show.

Chairman Sysyn acknowledged Mr. Cusson.

Mr. Cusson stated I spoke with some of the businesses in the area today and gave them a flyer of what we're doing and there was no objection from the businesses.

Lt. Lussier stated my concern with Mr. Cusson today was if he hadn't spoken with his neighbors that he would hold this event and all of a sudden one of them is going to be calling us complaining that he's putting them out-of-business by closing down the streets, so I suggested that he approach his neighbors and speak with them.

Alderman Guinta asked is this going to require officers at the site between twelve and five.

Lt. Lussier replied yes. He is going to hire three policeman. We will have one up by Silver and Willow, we'll have one down at Pine and Willow and we'll probably have one out in the area of City Fuel. But, again, our only concern would be what the show is going to involve and I guess I'd like to officially hear from him what that's going to involve.

Mr. Cusson stated basically what we have scheduled are two teams: the Las Vegas Extremes out of Nevada and the DTE out of Massachusetts. They're both professional stunt-riding teams who compete in a nationally sanctioned circuit. They're both very professional teams and they put on a very good show. What they do is exhibition riding. They'll ride the motorcycle on the front tire or low-speed control the machine like going up on the back tire and riding a wheelie at low speed, dragging the tail piece, standing on the gas tank that kind of thing. It's all very professional, there are no amateurs. Customers and street riders that just come in are not going to be allowed out in the street to do anything, it's only going to be the members of these teams. So, what we are looking to do is put something on that's run on the same level as the professional events that they do that's run in the same manner, keep it safe, keep it controlled...we want to have a couple of police officers there. The reason we choose June 8<sup>th</sup> is because it's the beginning of "bike week" and there's a lot of traffic going up the highway and it's kind of like bypassing us going right up to Loudon, so we'd like to pull in a lot of that business to the Manchester area and our objective is to draw several hundred if not a couple of thousand during the day off of the highway and into the Manchester area. Several of the businesses in our area that are normally closed on Saturday are going to be staying open also to participate in it. We have some restaurants coming down and some other businesses to exhibit also. The biggest problem we had last year was people were there with the bikes, a lot of bikes, a lot of noise and they got a little antsy...they wanted to see some wheelies and stunts and they ended up in the street doing it themselves because the riders we had there we didn't have any permits, so we couldn't get them out there and a lot of them got frustrated and went out into the streets themselves. We figured this year if we can put on a show that's done on a very professional level, all the riders wear proper safety gear and do this in a manner that's done with safety in mind and then have

some officers there to make sure these guys aren't going out in the street trying to copy themselves we can keep that down and prevent that from happening and then we're going to basically be having some safety seminars and classes in the shop afterwards to go over some of the stuff with them.

Lt. Lussier stated I believe Alderman Forest had broached the concern about liability. I would imagine that they would need the standard million dollar liability where the City is carried.

Alderman Forest stated I believe so that is why I was talking about going to the Police, Fire and Highway and whatever it might take for them to get from those departments to close off and liability insurance for the City anyway.

Mr. Cusson stated we're more than willing to work with the City in anything that needs to be met. Our biggest concern with this event is we've built a very large company and we're becoming very well known and our biggest concern is being safe and having a very professional event. So, we are definitely willing to work with the City in any way that it wants to.

Chairman Sysyn stated you will have liability insurance.

Mr. Cusson stated my office manager is in the process, right now, of talking to a couple of different insurance companies to acquire insurance for the event.

Alderman Forest asked, Mark, in a situation like that for a permit and all that if we agreed to it with the amendments would it go to you first as far as the insurance, I'm not sure how that works.

Lt. Lussier replied it's not really a road race or a parade, but I do think it would have to make its way through Harry Ntapalis, Highway, Fire and Police just to get everybody's approval on it. You would probably want to speak with the Highway Department to see if they had any concerns about possible damage to the roadway. My personal opinion is that there is going to be some rubber there and my other concern is that the neighbors are agreeable to this.

Chairman Sysyn asked where would the insurance certificate go?

Lt. Lussier replied in the past people have faxed them to us so at least we have a record that he has obtained the insurance.

Alderman Osborne stated I just wanted to know what the traffic flow is there on Saturdays, how would that affect the traffic flow that is there now?

Lt. Lussier replied given the location it wouldn't be too hard to divert the traffic as you're coming south on Willow there would be barricades and an officer there and we can divert them up Silver Street, can have an officer at Willow and Pine Streets, so we could handle the traffic concerns. When we close down the road we are going to be prohibiting some of his potential customers coming there, so there could be some traffic concerns where some of them will say oh, I've got to park here so that I can walk the distance to the establishment. So, you could have some parking out in the perimeter. Again, he's never had this so I don't know what to expect.

Mr. Cusson stated we've also established some other parking farther down the road to make up for that problem.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion to approve the closure of Willow Street at 25-minute intervals as outlined. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Communication from members of Saint Marie Parish requesting the closure of Notre Dame Avenue between Amory and Wayne Streets on Sunday, June 9, 2002 in conjunction with their Parish Festival.

Alderman Guinta moved to approve the request for the closure of Notre Dame Avenue. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion.

Lt. Lussier stated my only recommendation here is that I would like to put up a barricade over at Putnam Street because I'm concerned you're going to have these people coming up to Wayne Street and then all they will have to do is make a hairpin turn and go down the alley, just one barricade, nothing major...at least to minimize the amount of traffic that's coming up.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Reports from Mayor, MEDO, Solicitor and Traffic, if available, regarding the Center of NH Parking Garage Revenues.

Mr. Lolicata stated we had two meetings on this prior to tonight and we came to an amicable decision that we would split 50/50 out of the three scenarios and thought that would be the fairest way...the Center of NH agrees. After two meetings I think we can safely say that a 50/50 split is the best for all of us. If you will remember there was a 60/40 deal, a 298 car deal and the 50/50. The Mayor's Office, City Solicitor, myself and the Center of NH and Jay Taylor all met and at the second meeting felt it was the most amicable and fairest way to go.

Alderman Osborne moved to accept the 50/50 split regarding the Center of NH Parking Garage Revenues. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Kane stated our parking consultant is on his way, he's stuck in traffic but should be here shortly.

Chairman Sysyn stated so you're all set. You are agreeable to this 50/50 split.

Mr. O'Kane stated we think it's a fair split and also with that we've agreed to split on the same basis the expense incurred during event parking...the computer system that was purchased, a one-time expense...so that would also be split on a 50/50 basis.

Alderman Guinta asked can you quickly explain to me...on an event night at the civic center...you're splitting the total revenue 50/50 of that evening or is there "X" number of cars that's the City's and then the rest are yours.

Mr. O'Kane replied 50/50 of the total, no matter what.

Alderman Guinta stated the Center of NH is okay with that.

Mr. O'Kane replied yes. For the tickets that are generated the \$10 prepaid tickets, yes, we are. Because it's a multi-use facility it really creates some interesting opportunities and managing that is a challenge and we think we're doing a good job and think we have a wonderful partnership here and we do think this is the proper way to go. It's too difficult to know whose car is in whose slot at any given time, so we think this is the best approach.

Alderman Lopez stated if I understand the split is 50/50 but the installation of \$42,000 is also 50/50, is that correct?

Mr. O’Kane replied yes.

Alderman Lopez stated and the \$12,000 is debt, so the City is paying with the parking revenue for that. Who owns the materials the City or the...

Mr. O’Kane interjected it belongs to the City and what we need to do is have a written legal agreement, an addendum to our existing contract with the City to cover this. This split pertains only to event nights, we don’t want to confuse it with our on-going lease agreement.

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion to accept the 50/50 split. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

**RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR:**

On Union St., east side, from Bridge St. to a point 130 feet south of Pearl St.  
Aldermen Guinta and Sysyn

**PARKING 1 HOUR (8:00 AM-6:00 PM):**

On Union St. east side, from a point 40 feet north of Bridge St. to a point 130 feet south of Pearl St.  
Aldermen Guinta and Sysyn

**RESCIND PARKING ½ HOUR (8:00 AM-6:00 PM):**

On Bridge St., south side, from Union St. to Union East Back St.  
Aldermen Guinta and Sysyn

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (8:00 AM-6:00 PM):**

On Elm St. east side, from Hayward St. to a point 90 feet northerly – Unlimited.  
Alderman Guinta

**TEMPORARY STOP SIGNS DURING CONSTRUCTION –  
(EMERGENCY ORDINANCE):**

On Amory St. at Notre Dame Ave., swc, nwc  
Alderman Thibault

**PARKING 2 HOURS (8:00 AM-6:00 PM):**

On Bridge St. south side, from Union St. to Union East Back St.  
Aldermen Guinta and Sysyn

**PARKING 2 HOURS (8:00 AM-6:00 PM):**

On Bridge St. north side, from Union St., to a point 70 feet westerly  
Aldermen Guinta and Sysyn

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8:00 AM-5:00 PM, MON-SAT):**

On Union St. east side, from Bridge St. to a point 40 feet northerly  
Aldermen Guinta and Sysyn

**CROSSWALKS:**

On Mammoth Rd. north of Oakland St. (to be completed when ramps installed)  
Alderman Osborne

On Hanover St. @ Beacon St. from the southwest corner to the northeast corner  
Alderman Sysyn and Sgt. Kinney

On Beacon St. north of Hanover St.  
Alderman Sysyn and Sgt. Kinney

**STOP SIGNS:**

On Chase Ave. @ Hospital Ave., nwc  
Alderman Osborne

On Oakland Avenue @ Revere Ave., nec, swc  
Alderman Osborne

On Oakland Avenue @ Highland Pk. Avenue, nec, swc  
Alderman Osborne

On Edmond St. @ Yvette St. nwc  
Alderman Smith

**RESCIND STOP SIGNS:**

On Revere Avenue @ Oakland Avenue, nwc, sec  
On Highland Pk. Avenue, nwc, sec  
Alderman Osborne

**RESCIND 10-HOUR METERS (8:00 AM-8:00 PM MON-FRI):**

Depot St., both sides, from Elm St. to Canal St.  
Alderman Guinta

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (7:00 AM-3:30 PM MON-FRI):**

On Depot St. north side, from Hampshire Lane to a point 20 feet west  
Alderman Guinta

**DUAL USE –**

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (7:00 AM-3:30 PM – MON-FRI)**  
**10-HOUR METERS (3:30 PM-8:00 PM MON-FRI):**

On Depot St. north side, from a point 20 feet west of Hampshire Lane to a point 25 feet west  
Alderman Guinta

**10-HOUR METERS (8:00 AM-8:00 PM MON-FRI):**

On Depot St. south side, from Elm to Canal St.  
On Depot St. north side, from Elm to Hampshire Lane  
On Depot St. north side, from a point 45 feet west of Hampshire Lane to Canal St.

Alderman Guinta stated there's quite a large listing of rules and regulations for Ward 3. Are people calling you and making these requests or is this coming from your department?

Mr. Lolicata replied most of them are requests from some people, from the Aldermen and from Police or myself. Now, what we haven't done yet...I'll explain something to you...anybody who calls me, I usually tell them to call you. With most Aldermen, I have another number, but at any rate I'll talk to you later on...I have to get a hold of Alderman Gatsas sometimes in the Senate on his cell phone, they want to know what's going on in the ward. Alderman Osborne knows this because he's been an Aldermen before and I usually get on the phone and tell them to call the Alderman of that ward and in most cases I give them a number to go with it. If I have something, I'll have to call you myself or the Police Department, which is usually the routine.

Alderman Guinta stated I would agree with that but quite a number of these I don't recall.

Mr. Lolicata in reference to the buses stated that was wide-open, it was in the paper and I figured you'd be aware of it as it's in your ward regarding the transfer station and that was something I thought you were well aware of.



Chairman Sysyn stated it's the Depot Street ones.

Mr. Lolicata stated I don't remember if Depot Street was an emergency act or not, I wasn't around, Alderman, I was out at the time. I don't know who did that if it was Jim or for what reason I have no idea.

Chairman Sysyn stated but there are still parking meters there.

Mr. Lolicata stated yes but I guess somebody wanted a loading zone or something down there.

Alderman Guinta stated that one's mine, there's a business over there that's been having problems which I agree with this current change here.

Chairman Sysyn asked what's the name of the business he never came to me.

Alderman Guinta replied that's a different one. The first one on Union Street (Rescinding Parking One-Hour) at Bridge and Union.

Mr. Lolicata stated that is a combination of you and Mary both, I put both of your names down; that was a complaint going back to before you came on the Board, it had to do with that sub shop on the corner [Julien's]. I didn't get to that until after February and it actually involves both your's and Mary's wards.

Alderman Guinta asked what will replace one-hour parking.

Mr. Lolicata replied what they did was add a loading zone on Union Street, they changed and added a one or two-hour across the street heading westerly on Bridge Street and across the street I rescinded the whole thing because they wanted to change that to whatever it might be [one-hour or 15 minutes]. It was a two-hour before and there's usually a rescind with it.

Alderman Guinta stated so we are essentially changing the...

Mr. Lolicata interjected changing the time zone and adding a loading zone that's correct. You're going to see something that looks like a double to you like a two-hour to a one-hour, I have to rescind the old and usually in some cases it might be the same exact measurements to make it a one-hour.

Lt. Lussier stated I will tell you that that caught my attention because a while back I had some discussion with my Parking Control Officers and was seeking some recommendations from them, they brought up this area and there are conflicts here because you have the restaurant where people might want to go in and sit for a while, you have the vacuum cleaner place where you might walk in and out in 15 minutes and quite frankly, at the time my recommendation to them was we haven't gotten any complaints let's not...if it's not broken, let's not mess with it. So, I was surprised to see this here because I haven't heard a lot about it.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the Traffic Department agenda.

**PARKING FOR INFORMATION CENTER ONLY:**

On Elm St. east side, from a point 265 feet north of Central St. to a point 60 feet north

Alderman Guinta

**NO PARKING BUS STOP:**

On Elm St. east side, from a point 325 feet north of Central St. to Merrimack St.

Alderman Guinta

**RESCIND NO PARKING BUS STOP:**

On Elm St. east side, from a point 30 feet south of Merrimack St. to a point 175 feet south

Alderman Guinta

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to table the above-referenced three parking rules and regulations pending report from staff regarding Visitor and Welcome Center located at Veterans Park.

**TABLED ITEMS**

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to remove item 9 from the table for discussion.

9. Request from Alderman Gatsas that both Beech and Maple Streets be returned to two-way streets.  
(Tabled 02/12/02)

Alderman Osborne stated basically I'd like to get some sort of input from the Lieutenant as to what his thoughts were.

Lt. Lussier stated my thoughts initially was that this was going to be going away this evening. I will tell you that the Police Department and the Chief supports the proposal to make this two-way traffic. This is a mammoth undertaking and the Chief's feeling is that we have tried the enforcement, we have tried the education and now we need to do something with some engineering. This is not something we can discuss here and settle quickly. I think we're going to have to bring in a professional firm to do a study of this.

Alderman Osborne stated so the Chief is in favor of this.

Lt. Lussier replied yes the Chief is in favor of this.

Mr. Lolicata interjected and I am against.

Alderman Forest stated in order...like you say the Chief is in favor of it, I know at this point I am not and I would vote against it, but in order to get somebody to study this would be a great cost to the City and is there any place we can send it to for study.

Mr. Lolicata stated before you start doing this I would hope that everybody would sit down and think about this for a minute one more time. This was done back in 1970/71/72, done by the US Government for free and done by US Engineers. The reason they did this is to keep traffic moving a lot of cars. Now, here we are 30 years later thinking of reversing this. To do something this major you'd need a big, independent firm to come in and do the City, not just these two one-ways...the other two one-ways to be included and the City itself. When they do something like this it's a major undertaking. If by chance this would ever pass you're talking anywhere from \$750,000 to \$1 million to do. So, I would recommend this committee think about this stuff and how much is involved in this.

On motion of Aldermen Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to retable item 9.

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to remove item 10 from the table for discussion.

10. Communication from Felix M. Torres, Manchester Neighborhood Housing Services, regarding the proposal to convert Maple and Beech Streets into two-way streets.  
(Tabled 02/12/02)

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to remove item 11 from the table for discussion.

11. Communication and petition from Stephanie Lewry, Intown Manchester, requesting evening residential parking in the parking garage on Kosciuszko Street.  
(Tabled 02/12/02)

On motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to receive and file.

12. Discussion regarding free parking at the Canal and Vine Street Garages on Saturday and Sunday.  
(Tabled 03/18/02 pending reports from Mayor, MEDO, Solicitor, Traffic and the Center of NH.)

Mr. Lolicata suggested item 12 remain tabled for one more meeting/month. There is something that will be going to Accounts and once they receive that then I think more information will be forthcoming.

This item remained tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alleyway near Bunny's Superette between Webster and North Streets.

Alderman Guinta stated a resident on Liberty Street is complaining that the traffic in the alley which I think serves as some sort of makeshift entrance for Bunny's Superette.

Mr. Lolicata stated it depends which side, it could be Liberty east or Liberty west which is near Bunny's.

Alderman Guinta stated the complaint I received is that cars are flying down that alley. Have either one of you received any...

Mr. Lolicata replied I heard the same complaint if it's the one I'm thinking about. Maybe our friends here can take a look at it, but there's something else involved in here all these years. It's right near a barber shop right off Webster Street, it's a two-way coming in and out and that's a bad corner up there and sometimes people coming down almost have head-ons with those coming out. I'm thinking seriously, after talking with Highway, of making this particular one a one-way street for one block and the reason being it dead ends on Webster Street and there are some real near misses and I think possibly a one-way heading south would be a safe route to take on that, but I'd like to get into it, sit down with the Police Department, take a look at it and outside of that I have the back street posted and it has no parking and I think now it's a matter of having somebody sneak up there once in a while.

Alderman Guinta asked what are the options we have to try to reduce speed in addition to making it a one-way? Obviously, more police presence but are there any other viable options?

Mr. Lolicata replied there are really. Since they passed a new law a few years ago, a street or way that is less than 20 feet, Highway, Police and Traffic can deem that way to be 20 mph. We have one or two like that in the City. Those measurements might meet the standards. If something like that is done we can put up a black and white regulation speed 20. But, outside of that I can put up an advisory. If it's over 20 feet I can do a 25 advisory, but those are the two options you probably have for that particular backstreet.

Alderman Forest asked are there any backstreets in the City that are 20 feet wide.

Mr. Lolicata replied some are 14, some are only 20...they all vary. Maybe some type of an all encompassing ordinance for all backstreets, I don't know; that would be something to think about.

Alderman Guinta asked is that something we can review and put on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Lolicata replied sure.

### Memorial Day Parade

Lt. Lussier stated we have it every year and if we can get permission to hold it this year and close down Elm Street from perhaps 1:30 PM until 3:00 PM from Webster down to Veterans Park.

Chairman Sysyn inquired as to which day it would be held on.

Lt. Lussier stated this is something Alderman Lopez had requested and unfortunately he did not give me the date.

Alderman Lopez stated the date for the parade would be Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Garrity moved to approve the request to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to adjourn.

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Clerk of Committee